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Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
STIP Comments
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To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding the Kodiak Rezanof "Y" Intersection project, Need ID 2440. It has been brought to our attention that the State plans to amend the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to push back this much-needed project from Spring/Summer 2007 to October 2008. Construction would begin no earlier than Spring 2009.

Delaying the State portion of the project will result in higher costs to be incurred by the City of Kodiak (to be passed on to the residents via increased sales tax) and potentially higher costs to the State. Essential repairs to the water and sewer lines are scheduled for Spring/Summer 2007 and a contractor has been hired by the City of Kodiak to complete this project. Having the State complete the installation of the storm drain at this time would eliminate the need for the City of Kodiak to make upgrades to the site to make it usable between projects.

This project has been on the STIP for over twenty years and further delays will only result in increased construction costs. In addition, having both projects completed during Spring/Summer 2007 will cause disruption in the traffic flow on an essential artery for one period only.

The Kodiak Chamber of Commerce strongly urges the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to not amend the STIP further causing delays of the Kodiak Rezanof "Y" Intersection project.

Yours in economic prosperity,

John Whiddon, President
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